

The next regular meeting of the APNA Board of Directors will be held on Tuesday, March 8, 2005 at 7PM at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church Parish Hall, E. 16th St. at S. 5th Ave. Everyone is invited to come!



ARMORY PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

NEWS

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A Letter from John Burr, President of the Board of Directors of the Armory Park Neighborhood Association

As the 2005 President of the Board of Directors of the Armory Park Neighborhood Association, I want to welcome all Armory Park residents, business and property owners, and visitors to join us in what promises to be an exiting year for Armory Park! Many of the projects that the neighborhood has so carefully worked on over many years now appear to be coming to fruition. The exciting return of Sixth and Stone Avenues to their historic two-way configurations, scheduled to begin this spring, will allow the neighborhood to be more cohesive and connected on many levels. The new Fourth Avenue Underpass, scheduled to begin construction in 2005, will bring many changes to the neighboring downtown area and affect how we all travel into and out of the neighborhood. Many exciting redevelopment projects, including the Academy Lofts, as well as the rehabilitation of many historic properties within Armory Park will bring new neighbors and increased vitality to the area. Many of the sidewalks and street lights needed in Armory Park should also be installed this year. This burst of activity presents great rewards and opportunities, as well as new challenges to our neighborhood.

As a resident of the neighborhood for nearly seven years, I have come to love the unparalleled historic architecture, wonderful and generous neighbors, and special ambiance of Armory Park. I am committed to helping maintain and enhance this very special neighborhood and continuing the tradition of creating a true "community." I wish to personally thank the entire 2004 Board of Directors for their dedicated work and continued commitment, especially Kathy Kennedy-Blake for her exceptional leadership. I look forward to working with this year's board, and welcome its new members. And I invite all of you to join us this year—as members, volunteers, friends and neighbors to continue making Armory Park a truly special home! Please feel free to contact me with your thoughts, concerns, opinions or greetings! I am available at 628-8830, or PO Box 2132, Tucson, AZ 85702, or online at jodabu@hotmail.com *

Best wishes, John D. Burr

Neighborhood Security is a Shared Responsibility, Please Help!

As a downtown community, we have become accustomed to seeing folks we don't know as they walk through the neighborhood en route to other areas. Then there are those times when street parking fills up because a popular event has drawn people downtown, and we need to find another place to park for a few hours. Sadly, we also deal with occasional break-ins, thefts of plants, tools or bikes. But we love living here, so we adjust.

It's time, however, for all of us to start to pay closer attention to what's going on around us. We need to be here for each other, and be available to help if help is needed. Recently one of our neighbors was accosted and knifed as he and his wife were walking home from a downtown event. While his wound was not life threatening, the fact that such a thing would happen in Armory Park is something we all need to think about. *What can we do to keep this from happening again?*

First, if you don't know the neighbor next door, the guy who walks his dog every morning or the young woman down the street who rides her bike to work, take a few *Story continues on Page 3*



In 2004, the APNA Transportation Committee Tackled A Wide Range of Issues Facing Our Neighborhood

Under the guidance of co-chairs John Burr and Pat Evans, the Transportation Committee revised and updated its “Scope, Purpose, Policies and Procedures” document. The Committee met ten times in 2004, generally on the last Tuesday of each month. Regular members include: John Burr, Pat Evans, Marty Diamond, Ken Shackman, Tod Santee, and Adam Ussishkin. Guests during the year included: Nadine Rund, Ann Lawrence, and Randy Spalding, as well as members of the Santa Rita Neighborhood, downtown business leaders, COT staff and interested residents.

This APNA committee “inherited” a comprehensive Transportation Committee Annual Report from the 2003 committee. That report beautifully outlined past, current and needed transportation issues and projects within the neighborhood. They included: the Fourth Avenue Underpass; the Sixth Avenue/Stone/5-Points projects; the Scott Avenue Improvements Project; needed traffic circles; a continuing “no trucks” policy; mitigation projects at Fourth Avenue and Broadway; and working with the Barraza-Aviation Parkway Citizens Advisory Committee (BAPCAC).

In 2004, the APNA Transportation Committee monitored all of these projects (including their many permutations) and saw or achieved the following results:

1. The **Fourth Avenue Underpass** is scheduled to begin construction in March 2005 with the demolition of the Greyhound station and re-striping of Congress and Broadway. Toole should remain open for most of the duration of construction.
2. The **Sixth Avenue/Stone/5-Points** projects have finally been cleared for development in March 2005. The one remaining opponent of the completed project is having concerns addressed.
3. Continued reapplication for funding for the **Scott Avenue Improvements Project** is annual until the City determines need.
4. New **Traffic Circles** are being built at Third Avenue/14th Street and at Second Avenue/16th Street. John Wesley Miller has graciously funded their construction. The neighborhood will need to fund their planting and maintenance in early 2005, after completion.
5. A renewed “**No Trucks**” letter went out to all neighboring businesses in the adjacent (eastern) industrial area. This mailing will need to be enhanced and updated in 2005
6. After many rounds of discussion and multiple setbacks, the neighborhood will, indeed, get its new “porkchop” at the intersection of **Fourth Avenue and Broadway**, at least during the 2-3 years of construction. This will provide needed controls on traffic at that northern edge of our community.
7. **BAPCAC imploded in 2004** but may well be reactivated/ constituted in 2005. John Burr is the current member from APNA.

New projects in 2004 included:

- A:** Working with the Santa Rita neighborhood, Councilman Leal, Mayor Walkup and James Glock on possible **widening of 22nd Street**. This may not happen soon since funds were recently approved for a new Kino/22nd St. overpass. Santa Rita does not favor changes to Fourth/22nd St.
- B.** The **widening of I-10** in 2006 and its (potential) impacts on Armory Park.
- C.** Studies of **new mitigation options** including: “hotdogs” (median plantings and or barriers); exposing the historic trolley tracks; and modified traffic circles.
- D.** **Traffic counts** show where mitigation is needed, including the stretch of South Fourth between 14th and 21st Streets. The Committee is working with the neighborhood to determine the best options.
- E.** Reaffirmation of the **No Parking Vari-ances** policy as a means to limit undesirable development in the neighborhood.

Projects to be addressed for 2005 include: tree trimming; securing a final construction plan for Fourth Avenue at Broadway; changing the way GPS devices/maps show Armory Park as a truck route; parking studies in areas of infill/development; studies on anticipated increased rail traffic; and continued monitoring of all ongoing projects. ❖

APNA’s 2005 Board of Directors Formulates Plans for the New Year

Every year, the Armory Park Neighborhood Association’s Board of Directors renews its membership through the election process. Each new board uses a January Planning Session to reexamine the organization’s direction and to identify opportunities for improving our neighborhood. This year, on January 23, the new APNA Board of Directors held its annual planning meeting.

Committees established included Communications, Security/Crime, Environment, Fundraising, Liaison, Membership/Outreach, Bylaws, Finance and Transportation. Discussion was held on the tasks for which each committee should be responsible. Committees who developed policies and procedures last year will review those documents and make any necessary changes. New committees, or those that have not developed policies and procedures, were assigned the task of defining their direction for the coming year.

After establishing committees for 2005, the Board discussed goals and issues to be focused on for the year. In addition to the continuing goal of protecting the historical aspects of the neighborhood while enhancing the quality of life for the residents, the following are some of the many goals that were discussed.

- Establishing a historian to locate all APNA records, organize them, and possibly have them recorded in digital form so that the board can have a better sense of the APNA’s past actions. Ideally, the historian would also interview residents to put together an oral and/or video history of the neighborhood.
- Beginning a process of senior outreach and exploring the possibility of a committee to help the area’s elderly by connecting individuals to property-improvement resources.
- Building a stronger downtown community by inaugurating inter-neighborhood cooperative events/activities with the Santa Rita, Ochoa, and other adjacent neighborhoods.

If you have any suggestions of areas of importance to our neighborhood, please contact the APNA, and help the association create its plans for 2005. ❖

It's Brush and Bulky Time Again!

During the week of February 21, the City Environmental Services will pick up assorted items in Armory Park Neighborhood on all blocks east of Sixth Avenue.

Residents should have all items out by 6 a.m. no later than Monday, February 21. A total of 10 cubic yards of material can be collected from each address. That translates to a pile no more than 8 ft. long, 6 ft. wide, and 6 ft. high.

If you live on one of the small avenues, place materials next to, but not blocking the garbage cans. Residents with curbside garbage should place material in front of their property. Be sure to keep the pile at least 3 feet from any meters, fences or other obstacles.

There are limits to the things Brush & Bulky will accept. If you follow the guidelines and do not exceed the 10 cubic yards limit, you can get rid of the following:

- Brush (tree trunks, and green waste up to 5 feet long)
- Cacti (boxed-up to 25 lbs. per box)
- Lumber (no longer than 5 feet long)
- Furniture
- Carpets
- Tires (limit 5)
- Railroad ties (limit 5)
- Appliances (remove freezer/refrigerator doors)
- Scrap metal

DO NOT put out stones, bricks, flooring, roofing, insulation, sheetrock, construction debris, wire fencing, glass, mirrors, televisions, computer monitors, compressed air, gas cylinders or vehicle parts. The city will not take any of this stuff away.

If you need more information, call Customer Service at 791-3171 or go online at www.tucsonaz.gov/esd.

Note: If needed, the APNA Board would accept requests for further clean up activities. Please feel free to contact any of the board members listed in this newsletter. ♣

Security Alert

Story continued from Page 1 moments to meet them. This is a neighborhood—we need to get to know the great folks who, like us, think Armory Park is the place to live. Exchange phone numbers with your neighbors so you can talk to them if a crime has taken place, or to alert them when there is an emergency. Remember, the “bad guys” don’t spend a lot of time in areas where neighbors talk to each other.

Second, report all crimes to the Tucson Police Department, no matter how petty the activity. Be sure to ask for a report, in order to help track things in case there is a pattern of suspicious activity. We can’t expect the police to know what’s happening in our community if we don’t tell them. Call 911 in case of an emergency, or call (520) 791-4444 for all other reports.

Third, consider participating in the Armory Park Neighborhood Watch Program. When we all care enough to watch out for each other, people up to no good won’t want to stick around. Let’s not make it easy for someone to attack a neighbor again! ♣

Annual Membership Application

Thank you for joining the Armory Park Neighborhood Association! Mail this form along with check or money order (no cash) to: APNA, PO Box 2132, Tucson, AZ 85702.

Armory Park Neighborhood Association is a not-for-profit organization. Your contribution is tax deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law. Questions? Please call Membership Chair Edward McCain at 623-1998.



ARMORY PARK
NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Date _____

First Name _____

Last Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____

State _____

Zip _____

Armory Park Property Address _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

Would you like to receive meeting notices and neighborhood communications via email?

Yes ☐

No ☐

Please check all that apply:

Owner ☐

Renter ☐

Residential Property ☐

Business Property ☐

Indicate membership type:

Individual (\$10) ☐

Couple (\$20) ☐

Business (\$20) ☐

Associate (\$10) ☐

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Check Amount \$ _____

Check No. # _____

APNA Board of Directors

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Richard Steen and Adam Ussishkin
Alternates: Tom Cline, Bruce Cole and
Penny Porter

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Tuesday of each month, except August,
at 7 PM and at St. Andrew's Episcopal
Church Parish Hall, 16th Street at South
5th Avenue. Everyone is welcome to
attend. If you have a topic to place on a
meeting agenda, please contact John Burr
at 628-8830, or jodabu@hotmail.com

We urge you to take an interest in our neigh-
borhood and attend the board meetings.

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APNA Committees

Bylaws: Rosemary McCain
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Elections: Brian Bateman
Environmental: Mark Crum
Finance: Michael Figueroa
Fundraising: Rosemary McCain
Liaison: Open
Membership: Edward McCain
Security/Crime: Open
Transportation: Adam Ussishkin

The Security/Crime committee currently
has an open committee chair position.
The APNA needs your participation as a
committee member. If you are interested
in serving on a committee, contact new
APNA President, John Burr, at 628-8830,
or jodabu@hotmail.com, or the respective
committee chair. You do not need to be a
board member to serve on a committee,
but you do need to be a member of APNA.

Armory Park Historic Zone Advisory Board

APHZAB Chair: Nadine Rund

Dolores Cannon, Don Coleman, Kenneth
Cooper, Phyllis Factor, Mike Hall, Alice
Hazard, Martha McClements, Jill Reese,
Adam Ussishkin

The Armory Park Historic Zone Advisory
Board is elected by the neighborhood
association subject to approval by the
City of Tucson. The board is
commissioned by the city and is comprised
of one third property owners, one third
residents (including renters), and one third
experts. To qualify as an "expert," a person
must be knowledgeable in the field of
building, contracting, carpentry, real estate,
historic restoration, architecture, or
another field related to historic housing
and its restoration.

Meetings are held the third Thursday
of the month. Anyone wishing to get on
the agenda should call APHZAB Chair
Nadine Rund at 622-5676.

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